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- The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

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- That date of receipt is:
 - the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).
 - the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).
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